(ग) यदि नहीं, तो यह सर्वेक्षण कार्य कब तक आरंभ किया जायेगा?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) और (ख) जी हां।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

New Railway Lines for Uttarakhand

4070. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide more new railway lines in Uttarakhand region of U.P.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any survey has been conducted to extend railway line upto Mohan, District Nainital; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following surveys have been taken up in the Uttarakhand region:—

(i) Rishikesh-Dehradun (30 Kms.)
(ii) Haridwar-Ramnagar Via Kotdwar (125 Kms.)
(iii) Dehradun-Saharanpur

Extraction of Timber

4071. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of timber i.e. soft wood, superior hardwood, standard and ornamental wood extracted by Forest Departments and Forest Corporations during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the position of disposal of such extracted timber and the present balance, year-wise; and

(c) the quantity of loss of timber extracted by Forest Departments and Forest Corporations, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the House.

Entry Fee for Konark Temple

4072. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any entry fee for visiting the famous Sun Temple in Konark (Orrisa) has been prescribed;

(b) whether the Sun Temple has been listed as a world heritage monument;

(c) if so, the details thereof with background for such a move;

(d) whether a similar entry fee has been prescribed for other important Centrally-protected monuments in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the objectives to be achieved by such a move?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Sun Temple at Konark is a unique monument of the country and to regulate the entry of the visitors entrance fee has been prescribed.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Out of the 14 monuments included in the World Heritage List where entry fees have been prescribed, fees are required for entry into 58 other important monuments also. (Statement enclosed) (*see* below). The objective in imposing this fee is to regulate the flow of visitors, & to discourage anti-social elements from entering its precincts unchecked.